information to Government regarding fissiparous and terrorist activities in North-Eastern States;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up and develop a separate joint intelligence system for the North-Eastern States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) During the year 2005, while the number of violent incidents has marginally increased by 8%, the number of security forces' personnel killed and civilians killed, has decreased by 37% and 6% respectively as compared to the year 2004.

(b) and (c) In the meeting taken by the Union Home Secretary with the Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Nagaland on 15th July, 2005, it was agreed that the Directors General of Police of North Eastern States will meet at periodic intervals for joint intelligence coordination. It was decided to include States of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Manipur also in this arrangement.

Targeting CM or former CM by terrorists

963. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pelased to state:

(a) whether the terrorists have targeted any Chief Minister or former Chief Minister in any State recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are making full proof arrangements to prevent such incidents in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Ministry have called for any meeting to discuss such issue at CMs level;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (g) As law and order is a State subject, it is the responsibility of the conerned State/UT Governments to make foolproof security arrangements for Chief Minister or former Chief Minister in order to prevent attacks by terrorist/militant groups on them. However, the threat inputs being received from Central security agencies are being regularly shared with the concerned State Governments for taking appropriate action in this regard. Issues concerning VIP security are considered in all major meetings on internal security.

Special status to Bihar to deal with naxalism

964. SHRI PROMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pelased to state:

(a) whether Patna High Court has asked the Central Government to accord special status to the Government of Bihar to deal with the Naxalite problem in the State; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There has been no such direction to the Central Government by the Patna High Court.

(b) Does not arise.

Security of women in metro cities

965. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pelased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a large number of cases of molestation, rape and gang rape were reported in metros during last week of the year 2005 despite measures being taken to prevent the same;

(b) if so, the details of such cases;

(c) whether all the culprits involved have been brought to book;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and